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SUBJ: UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM

1. AT WEO MTG AUGUST 3RD THERE WAS GENERAL
DISCUSSION ON STATE OF WORK OF AD HOC COMITE.

2. THERE WAS LITTLE OPTIMISM THAT
THERE WOULD BE ANY SATISFACTORY ACTION TAKEN BY
COMITE. MEMBERS OF GROUP DISCUSSED QUESTION OF
WHETHER COMITE SHOULD ASK GA TO CONTINUE ITS
MANDATE. NO DEL FAVORED THAT MANDATE BE
CONTINUED, BUT SWEDEN AND ITALY SUGGESTED
IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO AVOID SUBSEQUENT MTG
OF COMITE NEXT YEAR. UK AND US INDICATED THAT
EVEN OVER LONG RUN THERE VERY LITTLE CHANCE
IN THEIR PERSONAL VIEWS FOR SATISFACTORY ACTION
BY COMITE. SUCH CONCERNS WERE SHARED BY ALL OTHER
MEMBERS OF GROUP (FRANCE, GREECE, TURKEY, CANADA,
SWEDEN, ITALY, AUSTRIA). GREEK REP NOTED
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DANGEROUS NOTION OF STATE TERRORISM GAINING

SUPPORT IN COMITE, AND AUSTRIAN REP SAID ALGERIAN REP HAD TOLD HERE THAT HE WOULD SAY SOMETHING ON MEASURES AGAINST STATE TERRORISM. SWEDISH REP THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR COMITE TO AGREE ON RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH DID NOT IN SOME WAY DEAL WITH STATE TERRORISM, BUT UK REP SAID THIS NOTION PROBABLY UNACCEPTABLE UNLESS MERELY STATED IN TERMS OF DUTIES OF STATES TO LIVE UP TO UN CHARTER. ALL AGREED SERIOUS THOUGHT REQUIRED ON WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS COMITE SHOULD ADOPT AND ON WHETHER COMITE SHOULD ASK ITS MANDATE TO BE EXTENDED BY GA. HOWEVER, ALL AGREED THAT MATTER EXTREMELY DELICATE, THAT OUR STANCE SHOULD BE TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR URGENT MEASURES, AND THAT THERE SHOULD AT THIS POINT BE NOTHING OUTSIDE WEO GROUP THAT WE HAD ANY DOUBTS ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING MANDATE OF COMITE.

3. RE CAUSES, ITALIAN REP SAID HE INTENDED TO MAKE BRIEF STATEMENT INDICATING ISSUE VERY COMPLEX AND SUGGESTING THAT SYG MIGHT DO STUDY ON CAUSES FOR NEXT SESSION OF COMITE IF ITS MANDATE EXTENDED, OR (IF MANDATE NOT EXTENDED) FOR 29TH GA. US REP NOTED THIS PROPOSAL HAD SOME OF SAME DIFFICULTIES AS SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR SURVEY OF UN BODIES WORKING ON MATTER IN THAT ITALIAN PROPOSAL INCREASED EXPECTATION THAT MANDATE OF COMITE SHOULD BE CONTINUED. UK REP, SUPPORTED BY FRENCH REP, SUGGESTED WEO MEMBER SHOULD NOT PRESS FOR MORE WORK ON CAUSES AS OUR PRIMARY INTERESTS WERE IN TAKING URGENT MEASURES. IN RESPONSE TO ITALIAN SUGGESTION THAT MORE WORK ON CAUSES NECESSARY TO FULFILL MANDATE IN UNGA RES 3034, UK AND FRANCE SAID IT FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORTED STUDY OF CAUSES (NON-ALIGNED) TO RAISE THIS KIND OF ISSUE AND THOUGHT WEO COULD MAINTAIN COMITE HAD DONE SUFFICIENT WORK ON CAUSES IN 2 DAYS ALLOCATED TO THIS TOPIC.

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COMMENT: WE UNCERTAIN WHETHER UNANIMOUS NEGATIVE REACTION TURNED OFF ITALIAN PROPOSAL. IN WEO GROUP DISCUSSION OF THIS PROPOSAL, SWEDES SEEMED TO EXHIBIT MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN PREVIOUS ON HOW THEIR PROPOSAL SHOULD BE TREATED. END COMMENT

4. WANT (CANADA) NOTED RE NON-ALIGNED PROPOSAL

ON DEFINITION (PARA 2 OF USUN 2771) THAT HE HAD
BEEN TOLD THAT THIS DOCUMENT WAS NOT ONE WHICH
ALL MEMBERS OF THAT GROUP SUPPORT IN FULL.
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